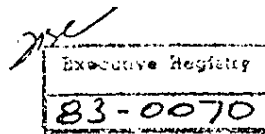




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December 29, 1982

The Honorable William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Bill:

I'm proud to share with you my 1982 report to the President, "**A Year of Progress: Preparing for the 21st Century**," which briefly describes our extraordinary achievements here at the Department of the Interior.


As you read this report, you will see that the many changes we announced in 1981 have been effectively implemented in 1982. I can tell you, without fear of contradiction from those who have studied the matter, that the federal estate and other natural resources -- the national parks, the national refuges, the coastal barriers, the wetlands, the national forests and public lands -- are better managed today than they were two years ago. We have restored balance to the management of America's natural resources.

- o We have implemented major programs to protect and improve our national parks, national wildlife refuges, coastal barriers and wetlands;
- o We are developing our domestic energy and mineral resources to reduce imports from unreliable foreign sources and to keep American dollars and jobs at home;
- o We are aggressively pursuing water development projects for the West;
- o We have made the Federal Government a Good Neighbor to the States; and,
- o We have streamlined land management programs and practices, rescinded or modified burdensome and counterproductive regulations, and increased revenues to the Federal Treasury.

With your support, we have provided the stewardship needed to conserve America's natural resource heritage and the leadership necessary to enhance our national security, to improve our quality of life and the environment, and to create jobs in the private sector.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
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